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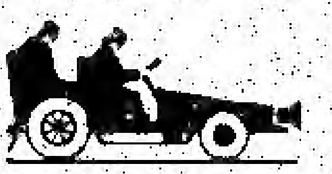

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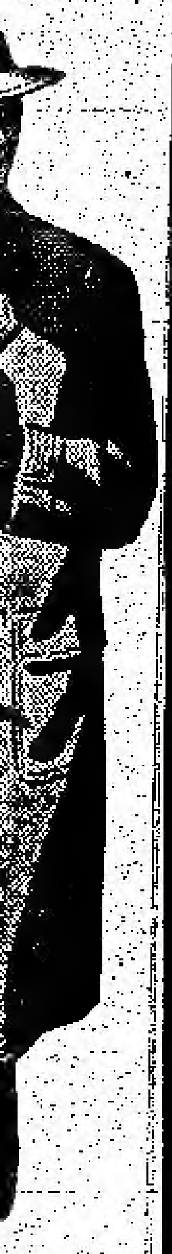

Weekly whirligig

By K. W.

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A Preview Peek . . . at the outline for discussion at the forthcoming J. C. C. L. convention indicates that one touchy issue may be raised. It's the question of "fair standards" of work in the Japanese community.

The average Canadianized Nisei has definite ideas on what standards are "fair." The trouble seems to be that the majority of first generation employers have very different ideas as to what is "fair." In all too many cases, the attitude of employers to their employees is still the very same attitude they showed in past years to workers who were "imported" from Japan under contract terms. Thus today wages are still held down to the bare legal minimum, hours of work are pushed up to the highest possible maximum, annual holidays and bonuses in many cases are practically unknown.

In past years, with employment scarce, the Nisei worker could not afford to raise his voice in his own behalf. War-time conditions today, with jobs plentiful and wages rising, seem to be the opportune time to do something to establish "fairer" standards of work and wages in our community.

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A Familiar Theme . . . of this writer is to play the "down east" tune for the Nisei. Hence I am always glad to hear of actual experience and observation that confirms our theorizing. A local Nisei, returning recently from a three-months tour of eastern cities, tells of jobs seeking men, of himself being offered work several times. He brings a message, too, from a former local Nisei, now well established in Toronto, that now is the time for ambitious, aggressive young fellows to try the eastward trek. If they wait till after the war, they are really going to miss the boat.

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A Fellow Hack . . . writer on the rag up on the next street, has come up with the veriest bit of dangerous nonsense I've heard from a Nisei in a long while. Like Popeye, he says he is what he is, that he represents the ordinary common Nisei; and he seems to take pride, along with his brethren, in shunning anything that smacks of "excessive cerebration."

I am not disposed to argue with him concerning what would come under the head of "excessive cerebration." It can be the higher forms of music, art, literature; it can also be head-up "inside" baseball, or training in a championship bowling technique, or developing a keen appreciation for the art of the silver screen. I will argue, though, and heatedly, against the attitude of complacent satisfaction in being just what you are.

Pigs are probably contented wallowing in the mud of the pig-pen, or scratching their sides against the fence. "Tobacco Road" poor whites may take pride in their philosophical laziness. Chinese coolies in Shanghai alley may think they're a bit of all right. And when Commodore Perry knocked on the gates of Japan with his cannon, the Japanese people, proud of their own culture, might have stuck to their feudal bows and arrows. Fortunately, they were not afraid of "excessive cerebration."

It will be a sorry day for the Nisei, ordinary, common people or otherwise, if we all decide that "tanking up on beer" is a fair limit to our accomplishments.

Re-Consecration

An Editorial Enquiry Addressed to Canadian Youth of Japanese Origin.

SEPTEMBER, 1940.—Canadian-born Japanese, between the ages of 21 and 24, welcomed the government proclamation calling all Canadian youth of those ages into training camps for military service. They freely expressed their willingness to train side by side with other Canadians for the defence of their country.

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JANUARY, 1941.—The government at Ottawa announced, in connection with its special registration of all Japanese in British Columbia, that Canadian-born Orientals would be exempted from the performance of compulsory military training.

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JANUARY, 1941.—A meeting of delegates from representative second generation Japanese organizations unanimously upheld a resolution to the federal government, protesting their exemption from military service, and asking that they be accorded the same treatment as every other Canadian.

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AUGUST, 1941.—Considerable publicity was accorded the successful enlistment of Pte. Shigeo Kato, first Canadian-born Japanese to be accepted into the Canadian Active Army. It was suggested that the attitude of military authorities toward the enlistment of second generation may have softened.

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SEPTEMBER, 1941.—(A dispatch from Ottawa) "As Re-consecration Week ended yesterday, the government awaited the reply to the successive appeals for troops made by all members of the cabinet. Coming days will disclose the response. If it is not adequate, further steps will be taken, it is understood here. There is said to be every intention to see that the 100,000 men required annually on the basis of existing establishments and as many more as are later proved needed will be supplied in some manner."

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Canadians of Japanese origin! Is it up to us to try again to do our share?

'Mum Fanciers Hold First Fall Display

Chrysanthemum lovers will get an opportunity this coming Sunday afternoon to see a collection of early blooming mums at a parlour display sponsored by the Kokonoye Kai at the Fairview Buddhist Hall, corner of 7th and Heather, according to an announcement by the president, Mr. K. Gondo.

The display, which will be open to the public, will start from one o'clock, and if the weather turns out fine, will be held out-of-doors.

New Members

This fall, a special invitation is being extended to those who are at all interested in flowers to join the Kokonoye Kai in a city-wide endeavour to promote interest in chrysanthemum culture.

Plans for holding the Eleventh Annual Kokonoye Kai Chrysanthemum exhibit are progressing. It will take place over the Thanksgiving week-end, October 11, 12, 13, and tentatively at the Japanese Hall.

Plans Complete For Citizens' Convention

VANCOUVER. — Arrangements for the forthcoming national J.C.C.L. convention are now practically complete, it was disclosed Sunday at the last meeting of the National Executive.

Proposed chairmen for various assemblies of delegates and discussion periods, and discussion leaders have been drafted, and now require only confirmation. Draft outlines of the discussion sessions were also reviewed, and subject to final revision, will shortly be circulated among various chapters.

An invitation to deliver the guest address will be extended to Prof. E. S. Farr, professor of economics at Victoria College. Keenly interested in the Nisei question, Prof. Farr has also been nominated as Liberal candidate for the Provincial Legislature, in the new Oak Bay constituency.

(For more on the "confab" see page 7.)

On the Newsfront

Police Hunt Murderer Who Stabbed Japanese

SEATTLE.—"We are still working on our clues. We have no fresh developments yet," was all Captain C. D. Dailey, Seattle Police Force, had to say in regards to the investigation of the mysterious death of Bunkichi Goto, 61-year-old Japanese dishwasher. Goto was stabbed to death by an unknown assailant last Sunday night near the alley entrance to a restaurant where he was employed.

Nisei Have Finest Record in L.A. Public Schools

LOS ANGELES.—The Nisei as a group have the finest record of any racial division in the Los Angeles Public Schools as far as juvenile delinquency is concerned, according to figures released here.

Mexican and negro youth constitute the largest juvenile delinquency problem in Los Angeles, the figures disclose.

First Japanese Ship in Over Month Reaches Mexico

MANZANILLO.—The first Japanese ship to arrive here in a month and a half reached port this week, and unloaded 2700 bags of mail for Mexican points. The vessel, the 7100-ton passenger-cargo ship, Naruota Maru, of the N.Y.K., was heavily loaded with merchandise and planned to proceed to Central America.

Fourth Nisei Appointed to U. of W. Faculty

SEATTLE.—Fourth Japanese to be named to the faculty of the University of Washington, Frank Miyamoto has been appointed an associate instructor in sociology. Miyamoto took his bachelor's degree in social science in 1938. He is at present working on his Ph.D., from the University of Chicago.

Christian Youth Federation Holds Sing-song at the "Y"

VANCOUVER.—Local Nisei are cordially invited to attend an inter-denomination get-together and sing-song at the Y.M.C.A., Sunday, Sept. 21, at 9 p.m., sponsored by the Christian Youth Federation.

University of B. C. Opens Winter Session

VANCOUVER. — Another large freshman class was enrolled this week at the University of British Columbia, and indications were that a new high in Nisei students might be reached. Opening addresses for the freshman class were held today, and formal lectures begin next Monday. New Nisei students hav[e] arrived from all over the province [in] pursuit of higher education.

Social, Human Problem

No Japanese 'Menace' Reporter Finds

Something new and different in articles on British Columbia's Japanese problem appearing in popular publications of national circulation is contained in the current issue of the Toronto Star Weekly.

Instead of the usual sensation story about the "yellow peril" that the community is more or less accustomed to, the article, illustrated by several pictures, is sympathetic and tolerant, and on the whole should give eastern readers a much more accurate and favorable impression of the Japanese here.

That probably is to be expected, since staff writer Frederick Griffin, along with cameraman Fred Davis, spent over a week in looking over actual conditions at first hand.

"If war with Japan should come," says the Star, "the Japanese in B.C. are at worst a problem, not a menace. They are a social, human problem in peace or war; not a police or military problem. Police officials call them thrifty, hard-working law-abiding folk. The unbiased here, and they are to be found, speak of them as a humble, useful minority, as good Canadian citizens, alien only in the pigment of their skins.

"Police check has found no hint of subversive activity among them. "They are too busy earning a living," said one police officer.

"Strongest local Japanese baiter," Mr. Griffin declares, "is Alderman H. D. Wilson. Said Ald. Wilson, 'There's nothing tangible to go on, but blood is thickerthan water, and if the test came I feel the majority would be for Japan

"We found a simple, courteous, likeable people," continues the article, "apparently absorbed in the severe task of wresting a modest living in the main from the sea and the soil, smilingly hiding any hurt they may feel at being doomed to a limited citizenship and social and economic handicaps.

". . . not all British Columbians are haters of the local Japanese. Men like Prof. H. F. Angus . . . have been strong exponents of a fair deal.

"Such is the case, in part at least, of a small isolated minority of Oriental Canadians who may have to face grief in the days to come. While we fight for democracy and against a theory of racial hate, it would surely be a pity to condemn without fair judgment these fellow-citizens whose only sin is their skin," is Mr. Griffin's conclusion.

Pictures of several aspects of life in the community are shown, both with the story and in the rotogravure section. Home life, business pursuits, fishing and cannery scenes, and a trio of fair basketballers are included.

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One Day In Seven

THE Western Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance has written a letter to this journal, urging upon the second generation a stricter observance of Sunday as a day of rest and worship, thus raising an issue that has not gone entirely without notice in time past in the Japanese community.

It is of course fully accepted among our young people that Sunday ought to be a day for rest and relaxation, apart altogether from the question of religious and spiritual observance. As far as the Nisei are concerned, Sunday is certainly a day for recreation, if not entirely for rest. And there is no gainsaying that the vigorous sports activities carried on in the community do fill a very real need. They go far in promoting both physical and mental health among our young people, who bear more than their fair share of defeat and frustration. It would be a serious mistake for anyone to think that the Nisei could be led to a greater regard for the spiritual significance of the one day in seven through an insistence upon a puritanical Sabbath.

In point of fact if the second generation are inclined to be indifferent to the religious aspect of Sunday (and for that matter what group of young people today is not so inclined), we are of the opinion that the fault lies more with our religious institutions, as well as the general failure to practice more fundamental doctrines in the Christian religion.

At the same time we do think that the Nisei ought to bear in mind that the belief in the observance of Sunday is still a very powerful one. Weakened though it has been by the impact of modern commercialism, it still holds a very important place in a Christian community, and the Nisei, along with every other group, can derive much of spiritual value from the Sabbath. As far as is consistent with reason and common sense, due respect ought to be paid both to the letter of the law, and to the spirit that has established Sunday as a very real and important institution in the Canadian community.

Venture in Real Estate

One of our young men's organizations in the Kitsilano district has decided to undertake a novel project, in an effort to make profitable use of its group savings and also to make their club self-suporting and independent.

The unique plan calls for a continued saving by members, until a fund has been accumulated sufficient for investment in real estate. Income from the real estate will then be used to help the club carry on its program of social, religious, service and sports activities.

Not being fully acquainted with all the technical and legal details of the plan, it is imposible to pass considered judgment on the project. In fact some misgivings may be felt over this plunge into real estate.

But there is no denying that much credit should go to the members of the organization, particularly for the spirit of initiative they have displayed in seeking a solution to certain problems which are important to their organization. We would wish them every success in their experiment.

Canadian-Born

(Re-editorial from the Ottawa Journal, September 14)

The New Canadian, a weekly paper published in Vancouver by the "Nisei," or Canadian-born citizens of Japanese descent, says:

"A precedent of no little significance to the people of British Columbia has been established with the recent acceptance into the Canadian Active Army of a second generation Japanese recruit—the very first of our race to be permitted to wear the King's uniform in this province."

"At this moment," continues The New Canadian, "it is not entirely clear why the military authorities should have waived objections to the enlistment of Canadian-born Japanese applicants . . . but in any event it is fact"—and evidently a welcome fact among the Nisei. The newspaper states that many of the Nisei had tried to enlist and been rejected; and that a good deal of resentment was felt in consequence.

We suppose there must be fair reasons for any hesitancy hitherto on the military side to accept Canadian-born Japanese volunteers, but there is beyond question a hearty loyalty to Canada on the part of the majority of the Nisei, even in face of the unfortunate possibility of war between Japan and Canada, which will of course be the case if there should be war between Japan and Britain.

Lord's Day Act

Editor, The New Canadian—
Dear Sir: I have read your paper for some months and with much interest and profit. In looking over your columns I see many instances of reported Sunday sports. Being particularly interested in the observance of the Lord's Day I would appreciate a space to deal with this important subject. The Lord's Day Alliance of Canada is an organization created by the Christian Churches for the due observance of the Lord's Day. Our aim and policy is to secure the co-operation of all groups through understanding and good will for the promotion and development of the spiritual side of life on that day. Realizing that the spirit of competition and commercialization tend toward the breaking down of those ideals, based upon the Christian spirit, we ask your co-operation for guarding the Lord's Day in Canada.

The Lord's Day Act of Canada is a Dominion Law to protect all groups of people giving them one day in seven from labour. This law prohibits all commercialized sports where a fee is charged directly or indirectly or for gain to do. It is not the letter of the law but the spirit of the law that all Christian people should uphold. In these days when the world is being torn apart by misunderstanding we as individuals and citizens of a free and Christian land should acknowledge the Blessings that Christianity has brought to us and in the same spirit be willing to sacrifice and forego a little of our own pleasure for the safeguarding of the Lord's Day for the great masses of our people and the building of our Christian Church. Let us all work together that we may be one in spirit and in the mind of Christ.

REV. W. N. BYERS,
Sec. L.D. Alliance.
(Western Canada)
2956 Trimble St.,
Vancouver, B.C.

In Appreciation

Editor, The New Canadian—
Dear Sir: Through your columns I would like to express my congratulations to the Vancouver J.C.C.L. for the very fine meetings they sponsor from time to time.

A month or so ago I had the pleasure of hearing Mr. McTavish of the Daily Province speak on the subject of the War. Last week I enjoyed the address given by Mr. Webster on democracy. Both of these speakers gave very interesting talks, and I think Mr. Webster is one of the best speakers I have ever heard address a Nisei meeting. I think all Nisei are indebted to him for his stand as a Park Commissioner.

I think the J.C.C.L. deserves thanks from the whole community for making such meetings possible. I only wonder that more Niseis do not take advantage of the opportunity to hear these well-known public men.

"Nisei Politico."
Vancouver.

The Canadian Amalgam*

● *Watson Kirkconnell, Professor of English in McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, writing in the Autumn number of COMMON GROUND.*

The Anglo-Canadian, who sees his former ascendancy in numbers vanishing steadily, ought, therefore, to view the future not with angry dismay but with a sober sense of what the country can achieve if he gives sane leadership to what is still politically the community. In each smaller community, there is a comparable place for cordiality and enlightenment toward others. The very diversity of Canadian elements is the condition out of which (granted a unity of allegiance) a vital national life may well emerge.

In the past, Canada's national life has been very [illegible] of the French-Canadians has been largely an arrested development of the Catholic provincial traditions of the 17th century France; [illegible] all the outer ferment of the 19th and 20th centuries and deriving its main strength from the soil and frontier. Shrewd, thrifty, pious, [illegible] indefatigable—it was all this, but yet tended to exist in a [illegible] semi-vacuum, whose thin intellectual atmosphere was chiefly [illegible] ecclesiastical.

Anglo-Canadian Culture—British and American.

The Anglo-Canadian culture, on the other hand, began as a somewhat conflicting mixture of Scotch, Irish and English traditions; in more recent years proximity to the United States has resulted in a ubiquitous spread of U. S. American institutions. The Anglo-Canadian has shown little initiative of his own, and he has been very susceptible to the social innovations of his American neighbors.

In the elementary and secondary schools, however, the curriculum has had a definitely British orientation, and hence most Anglo-Canadian poetry has revealed marked influences from Tennyson, Keats, [illegible] Felicia Hemans . . . The Anglo-Canadian tradition has thus displayed little independent vitality. It has been predominantly Protestant, somewhat Puritanical, with a strongly democratic and individualistic sentiment derived from Britain and fostered by frontier life. This individualism has also favoured a predominantly capitalistic economy, [illegible] averse to socializing change.

It was vaguely assumed by the Anglo-Canadians into whose provinces the great bulk of the newer European immigration flowed, that these strangers would soon be assimilated to the Anglo-Saxon tradition and would help to maintain a non-French majority in the Dominion. The results have been a little disconcerting. The newcomers have certainly learned English (rather than French), and their children are already beginning to distinguish themselves in school and university. On the other hand they have tended to maintain a foreign-language press, foreign-language church service, and other community activities of a purely group nature. There is sometimes, also, a hangover of European bitterness toward other nationality groups in this country.

Attitudes Toward the War —

With the entry of Canada into the present War in September, 1939, all those social forces were, for good or evil, brought to a sharper focus. Progressive revelation of the successful use by Germany of a fifth column in many European countries, coupled with a realization of the efficiency with which the Bund and similar sets of political gangsters had been operating in Canada, gave rise in the Anglo-Canadians to a widespread spirit of suspicion and ill-will toward the European Canadians as a group. This hostility is being steadily tempered and dissipated, however, by a growing knowledge of the very real loyalty of all national groups.

The French-Canadians, after an interval of considerable hesitation, now regard the struggle as one that involves the future of the Christian faith; and their spiritual leader, Cardinal Villeneuve, is second to none in his vehemence against the aggressive paganism of Hitler. The Anglo-Canadians regard the issue as one in which they are fighting for the very survival of free institutions, not merely in the British Commonwealth of Nations, but also in North America as a whole. Our Canadian Scandinavians, Netherlanders, Belgians, Magyars, Jews, Czechs, Ukrainians, and Poles see that the only hope for freedom for small nationalities in Europe lies in the overthrow of the Nazi power. Even the majority of our Germans and Italians now repudiate the present regimes in Germany and Italy.

Fundamental Unity in Human Welfare

There is thus a possible silver lining to the present storm-cloud of war. Along with the wholesale sacrifice of wealth and man-power, there goes an opportunity for realizing a closer fraternity within the nation. The greatest historical force in moulding national unity is the sharing of common experiences, through pain and peril toward ultimate achievement. The common remembrance of an epic conflict in which Canadians of every origin have fought and toiled side by side may well be the mortar that will bind them together into a nation that welcomes diverse cultures but finds its fundamental unity in a single high ideal of human welfare won by common sacrifice.

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A Short Short

Mr. Osaka is cancelling his wife's life insurance policy.

It all happened after that terrible accident that left Mr. Osaka's car a mangled wreck of twisted steel and torn rusted tin.

Calling on his insurance company, Mr. Osaka demanded a cash settlement for his wreck.

"We are very sorry, Mr. Osaka," said the insurance adjuster, "but we cannot give you cash. We will replace your car—give you another one to take its place."

It was then that Mr. Osaka thoughtfully replied, "If that's the way you do business, please cancel my wife's policy."

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ers Retreat Studies Conference Topics

ANCOUVER.—The magnificent, new Y.M.C.A. build- l be the "classy" setting for a part, and possibly all, of venth Annual B. C. Young People's Christian Confer- November 8-9, it was announced by the Conference ve.

angements have been with Mr. Mel Chater, m director of the Y. A., to hold at least the tes' supper and con- e social in the modern, finely appointed building, Saturday, November 8.

The executive is confident that the added attraction of tourist value will help swell the attendance from many Christian young people's groups to a new high in recorded history.

The new Y. M. C. A. building, on Burrard Street, near Nelson, is the last word in modern community institutions. Completed just last year at a cost of $300,000, it is a sound proof structure of four stories, boasting gymnasium, dining and social halls, recreation rooms, and one of the finest swimming pools on the Pacific coast.

At the Leaders' Retreat held at Powell United Church Hall last Sunday afternoon, the study material for the four discussion groups received careful consideration. Copies of the study material will be mimeographed and will be circulated among youth groups planning to send delegates to the conference.

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Red Cross Rally At Tairiku Hall, Sunday

VANCOUVER. — Nisei members of the Red Cross Unit are reminded of the grand rally of all groups, to be held this coming Sunday, September 21, at 2:30 in the Tairiku Hall.

Each member is asked to report to her captain the amount of material or woollens she has taken out. Similarly, each captain is asked to give these reports to the Unit Shipper, Miss Myca Okamura.

Every member is urged to co-operate, since a general check-up is necessary in order to introduce the new system of taking out or bringing in garments. The details of the new system will be explained at the meeting by Unit Convenor, Mrs. M. Maikawa.

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Mrs. Abe has been elected secretary of the Issei group.

CUFF NOTES ON . . . *fashions for men*

The three-button, single breasted suit is still riding high, wide and handsome for this Fall and Winter, with the trend toward longer jackets strengthening more than ever. A 29 inch coat is none too long for a 5 ft. 6 in. Nisei, to be really in step with style today.

Colors . . . various shades of brown are expected to show up popularly this season. The ever-favorite blue shades are slightly in the background.

Trousers . . . will still continue to be tapered with a 24" knee, narrowing down to 18" or 19" bottoms. Courtesy, T. MAIKAWA

Fashion Smiles . . .

The yellowing leaves and the recurring rains tell of autumn days . . .

. . . and one of the brightest news items to reach us as the fall season opens is the Sale of Fall and Winter Coats and Dresses at MODISTE.

Step forward gaily in a casual tweed coat. There are endless styles and fabrics to choose from in Modiste's Coat Department.

If you like a fur-trimmed coat, Modiste gives you the best in fur, fabric and style at a very attractive price.

This is the chance to get one of these smart sport jackets in donegals or herringbones at bargain prices.

Fashion smiles on you when you choose your clothes at MODISTE, and, also, it's so easy on your pocket book. Don't miss the wonderful bargains at Modiste.

femme fare . . .

By CINDERELLA

Now that winter is just around the corner, the fireplace and that deep, soft-cushioned chair comes back into their own. After two months of hiking all over creation, home becomes not a place where one merely sleeps, but a place where one can relax, shutting out the grey drizzling rain, the sharp wind, and that first touch of frost. And we all have, somewhere, tucked in the backwoods of our thoughts, the resolution that this winter, that home of ours is going to be a place where we can not only relax and improve our minds (oh yes, definitely!) but where we can return those gracious invitations that came our way during the past several months.

"But my place is such a dump!" But, is it? Let's give the place the "once over." It's the real McCoy, complete with drapes, soft rugs, and indirect lighting system, you're one of Dame Fortune's favored few, but you miss a lot of fun, just the same. If your "home" is only a two-by-four room, with a makeshift kitchen in one corner, and only one window, and it opening onto nowhere in particular but a monotonous, discouraging panorama of drab housetops and smokey chimney tops, then consider yourself lucky for there's so much "scope for imagination" and ingenuity.

The furnishing of an apartment isn't the problem it sounds, even if you live on a shoestring—that is, not if you acquire the goods and chattels gradually, you know, with an eye open for 95c sales, and the courage to carry out your ideas, even if your most radical friends advise you otherwise. And those who turn up their dainty noses at the idea of anything so plebian as an end-o'-the-month departmental sale, are missing their share of adventure. The staples department, the remnant counters, the miscellaneous tables, these are the treasure troves for the necessary materials for our humble "home beautiful." Curtains, drapes, hangings, have a curious way of adding that "home like" touch, and possess a delightful way of covering up the flaws—flaws like that definite crack in the wall, that faded spot, that rain mark. And anybody who can hold down a job can do a bit of plain sewing. Upholstering is merely placing material on your furniture, cutting it generously, tacking material in the cracks, anchoring it with upholstering needles, and tucking in the obvious places. Try it and see!

Now, I love ruby-red curtains—that rich warm colour which adds "royalty" to anything, but do you think my pocket book would allow it?—No amount of pinching was going to buy me yards and yards of rich, heavy material to hide one ugly wall, so I up and bought me some red percale—yards and yards of it at a bargain counter at 15c a yard—and my friends were ready to put me in a straight-jacket. What! Red percale! The eyebrows went up! But is was my room! So I hung the yards and yards of red percale from wall to wall, and ceiling to floor, with a plain-covered valence board and ten-inch ruffle down the sides and across the bottom. And across the front of that curtained wall, I placed my "couch by day and bed by night," (all done up in mouse-grey upholstery), and my little room became livable and alive. And here, I proved my pet theory that cheap material used lavishly looks a thousand times more effective in a room such as mine than a meagre strip or two of expensive stuff.

And in contrast to my curtain (I centred everything around that curtained wall!), I did all those ugly old chairs that came with my two-by-four castle, in mouse-grey cotton corduroy. I inveigled a young nephew into making me a footstool for a mere song, and upholstered it to match. I hiked down to a 95c sale and bought several gaily-colored cushions—nice, fat ones—and covered them in turquoise blue.

Then, to all this handwork, I added my few earthly possessions. A pocket-book edition of a radio, given me as a gift . . . a discarded end-table out of my landlord's attic, rejuvenated by a new coat of paint and shellac . . . a few odd ornaments picked up at an antique shop for almost nothing . . . a pair of odd little English jugs which the old antique man told me, came over with the Mayflower. I didn't believe him, but I couldn't help but take them, especially after he threw in an imitation Dresden figurine which he said he would give to me because it sort-of "belonged" to a lady like me. (Oh vanity, thy name is woman!). My real extravagance was a table lamp—for I just had to have that subdued, soft light. (The landlord put his foot down when I suggested candle-light.)

And now my "home" is all set for the winter months. There's fresh coffee on the shelf, and lots of new books just waiting to be read. Won't you come over?

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Bargain Day In the Big Store

By T. M. K.

'Twas Bargain Day at the Big Store, and from all parts of the town wives and mothers flocked to buy. Big women, little women, fat ones, thin ones, pale ones, florid ones; both elegant and shabby ones.

Bargain Day at the Big Store . . . and all *nihonjin-machi* turned out for the sale.

It seemed to me that at every counter there were two or three Japanese women fumbling over the marked-down goods. When more than one got together, there began the inevitable formalities of greetings and bowing, not one item of which they missed, from the opening remarks to the last polite request for the pleasure of each other's presence at their home some day. Then the odd talkative ones would greet each other cheerfully and loudly with dialectic fervor, pass judgment on the quality of the merchandise, and swing jokes with hefty appreciation.

At first I was rather annoyed at the indifference of these *nihonjin* shoppers to the etiquette of shopping at a Big Store Bargain Day. Why, thought I in exasperation, can't they tone down their voices from that awful-sounding clacking that stands out so embarrassingly, when the rest of the shoppers are so very much less strident? Why, thought I in self-conscious desperation, can't they keep their everlasting bowings and greetings for a less crowded, more sociable occasion?

Bargain Day at the Big Store is strictly business,—when every woman is out to get the best for less, and of her own choice. In my own way, I was reaching out for bargains with less than my usual politeness, and so, for that matter, was every one else. It's first come, first served. Heigh-ho, it's all in the game of bargain-hunting.

The sales girls looked more than normally harrassed, waiting for each fighting customer to hurry up, make her choice, then let the next one shove into the vacant space. The milling hundreds and hundreds of customers too, waited impatiently for their turn with the cashier. Can you wonder that they stared sharply at the cheerfully-chattering *nihon jin*, and unfavorably, when the latter took up precious space around enticingly piled counters and tables for some formal and polite inquiries, in the manner of long-lost friends just meeting for the first time in a decade?

Sometime later, with my arms full of parcels, I left the Big Store thankfully, drinking in the fresh air outside. My sense of humor came back with bodily comfort.

I thought back to those *nihonjin* women still in the store, still hunting for the best bargain, meeting acquaintances and making up for past solitude by greeting each familiar face with vociferous heartiness. It's a sort of festival day for them, when they have a little money in their thin purses with which to splurge on some solid bit of practicality, long wanted, or for some bright-colored piece of frippery. Here in the environs of the Big Store they are free from the cares of house and small confectionery store, of crying children, of hungry families. They are one with the thousands that monthly trek toward the shining portals of the Big Store. A somewhat shame-faced gaiety fills the crowds caught bargain-hunting. There is a laughing cheerfulness, an insouciance that is very infectious.

Somehow, my heart ached for the unfashionably, often poorly-clad, Japanese women, clutching tightly to their out-of-style handbags with work-worn fingers. They love Bargain Day at the Big Store. They wait *for it*, and count their pennies for it. Let *them* enjoy it to the full.

Let *me* overlook any embarrassment to myself.

Thus . . .

Any Bargain Day at the Big Store finds women from all walks of life, of all creeds and colors, all with the one identical purpose of getting more for their money. Three cheers for them all.

A Fish Story

. . .

In a city in one of our mountain areas some thirty years ago, a young Scotch widow started a boarding house after her husband's death. Among her boarders was a Japanese youth—who we shall call Togo—only lately arrived from his native land, shy, somewhat bewildered, and completely tongue-tied.

The young widow, out of the abundant kindness of her heart, lavished every attention of the maternal sort on this lonely Nipponese student, helped him with language difficulties, nursed him when he fell sick. Togo, on his part, was deeply and humbly grateful. And eventually he found his gratitude turning into a warmer kind of regard for his benefactress. But this development left him more tongue-tied than ever, and so he kept his feelings for her hidden behind his blushing and inarticulate exterior for several years.

In time, Togo's ambition carried him eastward, and with a great deal of reluctance he bade farewell to the pleasant boarding house and to its kind young proprietress. But distance apparently gave courage to Togo's long-hidden passion; for he wrote back, revealing the true nature of his feelings and eloquently asked the lady's hand in marriage.

To the amiable young widow, all this of course, came as a complete surprise, she never having entertained any but maternal feeling for the shy Oriental youth. Moreover, she was not in a remarrying frame of mind and certainly had no intentions of marrying a Japanese, whatever she did. But being very gentle-hearted, she answered graciously, politely declining his proposal and concluding on this note of consolation: "After all, Togo-san, there are other fish in the sea."

Came back Togo's reply—by wire: "Dear Lady, maybe other fish in sea, but I like Rocky Mountain trout!"

This bit of piscatorial gallantry, sadly for young Togo, failed of its intended mark. But even today, a white-haired old lady, long retired from the ardors of running a boarding house, smiles gently when she tells this story of her Japanese suitor of years ago. She has never remarried, and she doesn't know what became of Togo-san. But, she says, she often wonders.

The Tale of Poor, Poor Mickey

A Story For Children From Six to Sixty . . .

By DANA

MICE are meant to be caught in traps for the simple reason that they are the stealers of our food, nibblers of our walls, and disturbers of our sleep. She had no compunction, therefore, in swatting one rodent with the hard end of a broomstick. Just another tidbit for the cat next door.

The trouble was, this mouse had young.

Without the breadwinning of their female parent, one after another of the little fellers started coming out of the hole, to totter uncertainly over polished floors, unafraid. At the first of them, she unhesitatingly threw a magazine. A perfect shot, and too bad for the mouse. Her conscience was delightfully clear and untroubled.

The next one looked like a furry little marble, so out of idle curiosity . . . it was that still! . . . she picked it up by its tail. The poor thing squeaked in sudden fright, struggling ineffectually against giant pincers. Greatly excited and tickled, the children clamored for mercy.

"Aw, Mom, don't kill the thing . . . it's so tiny and cute . . . put it in a box, Mom . . . can I keep it for a pet?"

The mouse was tiny, about an inch long. Gray, with off-white undersides, a sharp, fox like face, and Mickey Mouse ears. That's how he came to live in box, the undisputed pet of the household. In due course, cheese and bread crumbs were set before His Mouse-ship, and there were childish cries of glee all around the box.

That night, as the children were doing the honours of the bathtub, the third mouse crawled into sight.

"Mom! O lookit, Mom, there's another of 'em! Look! Right under your feet!"

"Ye gods!" squealed Mom, jumping up. "Did I step on it?"

"Put it in the box with the other one, will you, Mom. I'm going to give to Lainey tomorrow."

With undertone muttering about harboring future thieves, Mom obligingly dropped the wee one into the box beside its brother or sister, which ever it was. Oh, well.

The next day, Bib Sister inadvertently stepped on the fourth member of the mouse family as it crawled from under the piano. That, thank goodness, was the last of them.

But the one mouse that was kept by the family was right cute and friendly. Both Big Sister and Littler One lived around that box containing Mickey Mouse. Little Mickey had the ticklish habit of crawling into the fold of collars and sleeves, and even attempted to nestle in the hair. By this time Dad came into the picture, and claimed his share of the tiny beast.

"Aw, Daddy, I wanna carry him! *I* found him! . . . Mommee . . . make Daddy give it to me . . ."

Dad resorted to reason.

"Now look here, kids, this mouse is little, see? If you handle him rough, he'll die . . . see?"

"Aw, Daddy! You're only saying that because you want to play with him . . ."

The wisdom of infants!

Mom, like a good diplomat, stepped into the breach.

"Now then, I'm not having that [illegible] in the house, understand? Take it [illegible] . . . the box too. For Heaven's sake, don't get too fond of the thing or how'll [illegible] it to the cat when it gets too big?"

With big, fearful, reproachful [illegible] children gawped at the heartlessness [illegible] Mom. They yelped together:

"Mom! You wouldn't give Mickey [illegible] the cat now . . . that's cruel!"

"Well . . . temporised Mom, [illegible] see . . ."

On the third day Big Sister and Littler One caught Mom clucking at the mouse [illegible] tickling it playfully. The two little [illegible] looked at each other and nodded.

"Guess Mom won't give it to the [illegible] now!"

* * *

Yep, Mom, that ardent hater of any kind of mice, fell for the tiny charm of Mickey, and was just as absorbed in his mouse [illegible] as Big Sister, Littler One and Dad. It was turn and turn about, the way the four of them handled and dandled and played with that mouse. Every night they put him to bed in the softest down. Every morning they fed him with warmed milk and [illegible]. Every day they abandoned themselves to playing with him.

And Mickey was a gentleman. He [illegible] made a noise in his box house. He was obligingly playful, and cuddled nicely in the palm of Dad's hand, in the pockets of the two little women. Mom contributed an apron pocket, but would quite admit she thought Mickey the cutest mouse ever found.

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The story should end with how the mouse grew and grew and learned all manner of tricks, but . . . too bad. Littler One's love was too overwhelming for the tiny Mickey. He was smothered by her chubby, loving little hands. Big Sister and Littler One wept their hearts out for the unfortunate pet, but sobered at the thought of a regular funeral.

Mom was delegated to preside over it, which she did with sad regret for the short-lived life of one, Mickey, Prime Pet of the Family.

A pebble cairn marks the spot where Mickey lies, wrapped in flowers, and soon a pansy will bloom o'er his tiny grave. Poor, poor Mickey!

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TOWN TOPICS

● *Kits Koyukai*

Next Sunday, September 21, the ...lano Koyukai will hold its an-...al party honoring Takeo Shimo-..., Tomi Takashima, Ikuo M...-..., Susumu Nagai, Mitsuo Naka-... and Jack Koyabashi, all of ...om graduated from high school ... June.

A varied and original program ...s been drawn up by the commit-...e and a good time is promised all. The vital statistics: Place, Jap-...se School Hall; date, Sunday, September 21; time, 2:00 p.m.; and ...e the usual 15 cents.

● *October Wedding*

St. James' Church, on October 4, ...ll be the lovely setting for the ...edding of two very popular young Vancouver people, when Kay Fusie, ...ond daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. ...rota, 729 W. 69th, will be ...ited in marriage to Masao Ken (Dutch) Shimoda, eldest son of Mr. ...d Mrs. S. Shimada, Cassiar Street. Rev. G. G. Nakayama will perform ...e ceremony.

● *Shatefest*

Sponsoring the first roller skating party of the season is the Cambie Tigers Athletic Club. The place is the ever-popular Happyland. The time is between 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. The date is Monday, October 6. Tickets are only 35c so make a date to get your share of thrills and spills!

● *Mikado Seinenkai*

Plans for the coming term will be a major part of the discussion to be held at the executive meeting of the Mikado Seinenkai to be held Friday, September 19, at their headquarters. The meeting is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. All members are requested to turn out for this important meeting.

● *Fireside Discussion*

The art of make-up, clothes, charm, subjects of more than passing interest to every Nisei girl, will be the topics of discussion at the Hompa Y.W.B.A. "Fireside Discussion" to be held at the home of Miss Eileen Shintani, 832 East Cordova Street, this Friday, September 19. The discussion will begin at 8 p.m. and all members and friends who are interested are invited to attend.

● *Kokikai Social*

To celebrate their fifth anniversary the Kokikai will hold a social at the Fuji on Sunday from 5:30 p.m. An interesting and novel program has been arranged by the executive in charge for the occasion.

Tickets are only 50c and are obtainable from members of the executive. Make your reservations early!

● *Vacationing*

En route to his studies at Queen's University, Kingston, Mr. Hiroji Yamanaka, of Prince Rupert, is vacationing for a few days as the guest of Dr. George Hori, Hastings St.

● *Scribblers' Club*

The first meeting of the fall term for the Scribblers' Circle has been set for October 4 at the home of Mrs. E. Kitagawa, 2751 E. Pender Street, commencing 8:15 p.m.

All members are to bring in their literary attempts to this meeting.

All those who are interested in the club are cordially invited to attend.

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The Japanese United Church has been asked to take charge of the Vancouver Church of the Air broadcast over radio station CKMO this coming Sunday, September 21, from 4 to 4:30 p.m.

Rev. K. Shimizu will preach on the subject, "Grace Sufficient" during the program. The music will be furnished by the Junior Church Choir under the direction of Miss Margaret McDuffee. The choir will render two anthems, with solo parts taken by Miss Katherine Shimotakahara and Mr. Tatsuo Sanmiya.

The Japanese United Church will observe Rally Day this coming Sunday. Both the Powell and Fairview Sunday Schools will observe the day with special programs. For the boys and girls it will also be promotion day, those entering new departments receiving certificates.

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The Junior Church will invite the members of the Senior Church to their evening service at 7:30 p.m., which will take the form of a Communion Service. The subject of Rev. K. Shimizu's sermon will be "Lest We Forget." The choir will be in attendance and the soloist will be Mr. Tatsuo Sanmiya.

● *Surprise Party*

Under the guise of a regular play-reading night, the members of the Nisei Players' Club gave a delightfully informal studio surprise party in honor of their director, Mr. Carleton Clay, last Tuesday night, September 9, at their Granville workshop.

Elaborate Settings To Mark G.Y.K. Play

Hardly a year goes by that some new talent of one kind or another isn't uncovered by the Gakuyukai, and this year proves to be no exception. In Mori Uyeno, who is in charge of making the "props" for the Gakuyukai play "Marunouchi Nakadori," which will go on the boards October 17 and 18 at the Alexander Japanese School Hall, the Gakuyukai has unearthed the "find" of the year. With the assistance of several able helpers young Uyeno is well on the way of constructing the elaborate stage settings required by the play.

Art director Takeo Yamada heads another committee hard at work preparing the scenery. Four completely different stage settings are in store for the spectators—one depicting the interior of a modern Tokyo office, another a suite in an up-to-date apartment house, the third a sun room of an elegant residence, and finally the room of a board of directors.

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Kits Bussei Plan Purchase Of House

Invest Savings; Rental Income For Club

By Y. T. TERADA

VANCOUVER.—Something wholly new in the way of club projects will be undertaken this fall by the Kitsilano Young Men's Buddhist Association following a decision last Sunday to invest the group savings of members in the purchase of a house.

Proposed by President Hideo Yoshida, the plan was finally adopted after prolonged discussion on how best to invest such savings. A committee including the president, Takeo Nishizaki, Kazuo Shimizu, Takeo Yoshida and Shotaro Fukuhara was set up to carry out the plan. Their first task will be to raise the balance of $630 of the purchase price, there being $370 in the fund built up from saving since the first of the year.

The project is to purchase a house in the Kitsilano district requiring $1000 cash, and then rent it out, the rental money going to the organization. It is believed that within four or five years, the house plan will be on a paying basis. Kitsilano Bussels, henceforth from that time, will no longer be required to rely on other means to raise funds for their organization.

It is hoped, moreover, that the investment will train members in sound business practice.

Ironing out of legal points occupied two solid hours of detailed explanation and discussion. Title to the house will be vested in President Yoshida and Kazuo Shimizu, who were chosen for this responsibility by balloting.

Upon suggestion of the president, since either of the title-holders will be exempted from the poll tax as a property owner, the amount of the tax will be placed in the club treasury.

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The CITIZENS' LEAGUE

By KINZIE TANAKA
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Hello Friends:

Do you know that it is really becoming a distinct pleasure to attend the J.C.C.L. meetings now? For one thing the meetings start on time. This removes one cause of former annoyance and dissatisfaction and this is conducive to a good, healthy club spirit. This is evidenced by the fact that when members arrive ten or fifteen minutes late they have a guilty expression on, on their faces. Secondly, the guest speakers are of a high order. They are not only interesting but also what they have to say contains a great deal of vital, thought-stimulating material. We come away from the meetings, having learned something more, and having a desire to learn further and make ourselves more competent. Thirdly, our social relationship among members and friends is attaining an atmosphere of genuine warmth. Yes, we are finding out that we like each other.

WE START ON TIME

Our membership drive is now under way. We don't want new members just solely for the purpose of increasing our number. We want you because in you there is intelligence and sincerity and a consciousness of the road we Nisei are traversing. We want you because among you there are leaders capable of guiding and directing the future of our organization whose main purpose is to further the welfare of Nisei in Canada. We want you because in the end consolidated effort is the only way we can achieve our mutual desires. We want you because we want good fellowship among our people, and an opportunity to discuss our common problems that we may forge ahead and have a real and welcome part in building Canada. Your individual experience and knowledge will help us and our collective experience and knowledge will help you. So—won't you join?

MEMBERS WANTED

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In Mr. Arnold Webster's talk on "Making Democracy Work" there is a lot we can apply to our club for we are a democratic organization. The J.C.C.L. cannot progress and function by itself, if it does not grow and move ahead it will decay and perish for it cannot remain stationary. To make this club progress every member must take his membership seriously, by attending the meetings regularly, by taking an active interest in all its undertakings and by contributing some constructive individual thinking. In other words—making yourself increasingly competent. This also applies to the leadership, but in a greater degree. The growth of an organization depends so much on its leadership that every member of the executive cannot afford to take his or her position lightly, because indifferent leadership will result in an indifferent and wholly useless body. We cannot allow the J.C.C.L. to decline but make it grow and become increasingly important and necessary,—so get behind and push. The value of a government is tested by the use it is to the people, and so too the value of our club is tested by its use to the members.

GET BEHIND AND PUSH

It is interesting to note that at the last meeting there were a few Isseis present. This gives us an indication of the first generations' increasing interest in our club. We should encourage this for it is a step in the right direction,—the direction of closer understanding for mutual well-being.

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Bloedel Banner

BLOEDEL. — Mr. Larson wins the distinction of being the first he-man to accept the teaching duties in the local public school since 1925.

A distinguished visitor here late in August was Prentice Bloedel, son of J. H. Bloedel, head of the extensive logging and sawmill organization on the Island and mainland. An ardent sport fisherman, he met with luck at Menzies Bay and at Painters'.

With game hunting privileges denied to both Niseis and American-born Occidentals, your scribe had to content himself acting as guide to the local sharp-shooting (?) pale-faces.

Four local lassies resuming their high school studies at the River are Yayeko, Peggy, Helen and a new miss, Lillian Lawrence.

Seattle Cannery Men Re-Organize Union

SEATTLE. — General re-organization of Japanese cannery workers was effected here this week when the Japanese Educational Society was supplanted by a new "Association of Japanese Cannery Workers."

(Work in the Alaska salmon canneries is one of the major branches of employment for large numbers of Pacific Northwest Nisei, who are organized into a union of the C.I.O.)

A crowded and tense meeting asked for and received the resignation of George Takigawa, union vice president and chairman. As assistant dispatcher, Takigawa, it was charged, has accepted "oreis" of gifts of money, often from parents, in return for dispatching their sons to work in Alaska.

"I'll admit I have made some mistakes. I have accepted "oreis" . . . I don't believe I have sold jobs," Takigawa declared.

Dyke Miyegawa was elected head of the new association.

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Ocean Falls News

Nisei Band Plays At Labour Day Hop

OCEAN FALLS.—Labor Day, the nationally observed holiday of the general working classes, meant a day of gay festivities for the people of Ocean Falls. With the mill closed, nearly all the laborers took advantage of the holiday and, incidentally, the clear weather, by strolling, by fishing, by watching sport activities, and so forth.

History in Ocean Falls was made in the early hours of the morning. The local Japanese orchestra—the Music Club—was requested to play at the annual Labor Day dance, the first Nisei orchestra to cater to the general public on a national holiday! Although it is embryonic as yet, the Music Clubbers have a promising and rising orchestra, with an enviable future.

The afternoon saw sport activities in full swing. Occidental and Nisei children alike participated in the dashes, three-legged races, sack races, and the whole list of sports events.

An exhibition softball game was played between the Nisei team and an all-star aggregation of the local softball league. Although the Niseis, the Aces, lost to the tune of 5-4, the game provided many thrills to the spectators who watched from stands and sidelines. Credit is due the Aces for upholding the sporting honour of the Japanese community, especially in the above game, when only two hours' notice was given. The proceeds of the game were donated to the Red Cross.

The busy holiday was brought to arousing finish by a concert sponsored by the local Jichi-kai, assisted by the Music Club, White Lily Club, and the Young Lily Club. The net proceeds of the very enjoyable affair were also donated to the Red Cross.

Steveston Y.P.S.

The Steveston Y.P.S. will begin their fall season with an opening meeting on Saturday, September 20, at the Japanese United Church commencing at 8 p.m.

An interesting program has been arranged, so come one, come all, members and friends. Enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun.

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Last week in our description of economic society we ...ed that corporations controlled all the factors of produc... except labor. These corporations are able to regulate ... factors of capital, land and enterprise to their own advan...e, but because of the human aspect involved in their ...ations with labor, they are not absolutely all-powerful. ... have stated that this results in competition between cor...ations and labor for the returns of production. When we ...cribe this situation in social terms, we recognize that this ...nomic condition forms the basis of relations between social ...aps. And it is expressed as the conflict between employer ...d worker,—between the class which receives its income ...m owning the property and the class which makes its living ... selling its labor power. This relationship is called by ...ne persons the class struggle.

...iety Divided Into Groups

When we try to understand the nature of social organi...tions we are concerned with relations between social ...oups,—religious, recreational, racial, national; all main...ned by man for some purpose. The world of the child has ...e family-group which looks after its need for food, clothing, ...elter and acts as a socializing influence which causes the ...ung child to consider itself a person with some rights and ...sponsibilities as a member of the group. As the child ...ows older he has his play group; when he starts school he ...comes a member of an educational group. He finds that ...henever he takes part in some form of activity he is a ...ember of that group. Such a group may be very small ...ith the members knowing each other very well and with ...finite purposes; or it may be large with thousands of mem...ers, most of them strangers to each other, and without much ...ecific activity. The person is not keenly aware of his ...embership in this latter kind. When he becomes old enough ...nd starts to work he is a member of the workers' group and ...e and all others dependent on him are members of the ...orking class.

...e Belong to the Working Group

To most of us this is the most important group to which ...e belong. Many of our day to day considerations are based ...n our being able to make a living and the way we are able ...o live. Our thoughts are concerned with our own welfare ...nd the welfare of other workers and the way in which they ...an be improved; for we and our fellow workers are insepar...bly bound together and injury to one has repercussions that ...re felt throughout the group. This concern with living and ...elfare is a first consideration of every member of society, ...ncluding those who gain their income from the ownership ...f property. They too look after their own welfare.

Employers' Groups and Labor Groups

Therefore we are able to say that, arising from the economic organization of present day society, we have a division into two main groups or classes based on whether the person lives off property or on the sale of his labor. The first group in its more specific forms of organization has its employers' associations to protect its interest and the latter has organized into trade unions to look after its own welfare.

These two cases have their political counterparts with which we shall deal in our next issue.

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Confab Column:

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Bert Zala To Play At Farewell Dance

VICTORIA.—A few minor changes to the opening day's program for the 6th annual J.C.C.L. National Convention have been effected, to wit:

9-10:00 a.m.—Registration.
10-12 noon—General Assembly.
12:30-2 p.m.—Luncheon.
2-4 p.m.—Discussion Session.
6-8 p.m.—Free Time.
8 p.m.—Oratorical Contest.

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N.B.—The Social Committee drops a hint that they have something up their sleeves for the 12:00-12:30 free period.

Paldi and Mission Chapters are sending their full quota of delegates. Other Chapters are urgently requested to communicate with the Victoria Chapter.

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The Housing Committee has completed arrangements with a well-known hotel to accommodate those desiring to secure a room. A special rate is offered those attending the Confab. Anyone wishing to have a room reserved should communicate with Miss Y. Henmi, 938 Caledonia Ave., Victoria.

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At last we are able to name the orchestra. This was withheld until it was definitely established that the services of an outstanding band could be secured. The Social Committee has made an excellent choice in engaging Bert Zala and his Crystal Gardens orchestra. This popular aggregation is rated as one of the smoothest on the Island.

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Niseis, for your own benefit, attend the confab.
Ride a bike, hitch-hike,
Drive your crate, or hop the freight;
Just get here—we'll do the rest.
Spend a gala evening with Zala,——
The Sultan of Syncopation.

Nisei To Jitterbug Thru' Odeon Chain

That jivin' jitterbug, Kito Kato, premier Nisei hep-cat, who came third in a recent swing contest at the Orpheum Theatre, said today that he has won a seven-weeks engagement with the Odeon Theatres. Along with his partner, Helen Ferraro, and several other couples, Kito will give a display of art at all Vancouver theatres in the Odeon chain.

Their opening appearance will be on the stage of the Dunbar theatre, next Wednesday evening, September 24. Kito is also angling for an engagement with Famous Players, and may possibly make a tour of Vancouver island.

Senior Loop To Discuss Player Shortage at Initial Cage Meeting

Father Time just whizzes by! 'Tis hoopla season again. At this very moment, intermediate cagers and cagettes who turned out for their workout last Tuesday and Wednesday are nursing stiff legs and aching bodies, for no doubt most of them found the first practice of the year hard work.

Yezzree, basketball is slowly starting to roll and it won't be long now before the League plays officially opens the season. Last Tuesday night the intermediates held their initial workout and amazingly none of them seemed to have lost the zip and enthusiasm which made them such popular players last year.

This year Director Mi Akiyama is thinking of entering an Intermediate B team in the Community League and should he do so, methinks he should field a very strong quintette. Dribbling, shooting and passing in their accustomed flashy manner, the intermediates led by such stars as Tosh Hashimoto, Toru Tokawa, Sub Miike, Sakaye Tsukamoto and others, gave coach Ken Fujioka a great deal of satisfaction and assurance of a strong and smooth-working outfit.

The set-up of the league is far from settled and many difficulties will have to be ironed out. Especially worrying the executives will be the acute case of player shortage in senior company. Shig Ashikawa, Baron Wakabayashi, Yosh Ishida and many others are out of town, and many of the old-timers are threatening to quit, leaving the senior set-up more or less up in the air. Unless something radical is done to move the intermediates into senior company, it looks like no senior league this year.

A meeting for all seniors is called for Wednesday, September 24, at 8:00 p.m. All team captains, managers, players any anyone desiring to try out for any of the teams are urged to attend this all-important meeting. Meetings for the other divisions will come after the senior issue is settled.

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Cagettes Scarce

As far as the cagette league is concerned, Director Mi Akiyama is practically fed up with the whole idea. The attendance at their first workout was simply terrific. About 10 girls turned out and only one was a newcomer. The league had hoped that more girls of high school age would take interest and play this year.

However, Mi Akiyama is giving them one more chance next Wednesday and unless there's a better turnout, the cagette loop will be shelved until future years.

Strathcona Shuttle Shovers Start Soon

Shuttle-smashing is in the wind!

To many enthusiastic birdmen, badminton will be welcomed back again with great joy in less than month's time when pre-season shuttling begins.

At the first meeting of the Strathcona Badminton Club last Monday a goodly number of veterans and newcomers attended, giving a good assurance of another successful bird season. Heading the club again will be hustling Mat Matsui, who assumes the title of General Chairman. Mas Fujita and Michi Ashikawa support Matsui as treasurer and advisor respectively.

To accommodate the large membership, the Strathconians have negotiated for two nights a week, tentatively Tuesdays and Fridays. All those who wish to join the club are requested to do so immediately by notifying Mat Matsui. The maximum membership is 40 and around 30 have already signed up, so put your name in immediately to avoid disappointment. The fee has been raised from $4.00 to $4.50, half of which is due on the first night of play.

First in the line of entertainment sponsored by the club will be the ever popular "two-bit social" at the Orange Hall on Saturday, October 4. An enjoyable evening is planned for everyone by a committee including Johnny Tanaka, Hideo Oshimo, Sadako Iwasa, Mary Saegusa and Haruko Mamno.

The second event on the shuttler's calendar is a roller skating party in early November. The public is asked to support both these ventures.

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'Amazing' Asahis Finally Stopped by Angels-Hang up Shoes for Seaso[n]

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And That's That

This is a tragic week in Nihon-machi. The Asahis have finally been ousted from the Burrard cup race. It's a hard pill to take too, for the Nippon reps have almost monopolized the cup in previous years and they are quite unaccustomed to being dumped out while the series was only in its semi-final stage.

We all agree on one thing. Though the Asahis failed to win the championship of the Burrard League, the brand of ball was higher than ever before and they sure dished up many an exciting game. Let's hope they play the same brand of ball next year!

Tennis Wind-up

The Nippon Tennis Club has still to close their fiscal year. The mixed doubles and the Consolation Cup for first-round victims has to be completed yet, but with this kind of weather keeping up it's very unlikely that they will be able to settle the issue.

Saturday night at the Fuji Chop Suey from 6:30 p.m., the netters will officially close this season with a banquet and social. Presentations of cups and prizes to the various champions of recent tournaments will highlight the evening's program. Also the long awaited Tennis Club raffle will be drawn.

50c is requested of those attending. Everyone is urged to attend this final w i n d u p banquet.

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Cagette Loop?

Here I am plugging for the cagette league again. Maybe I'm a softy or maybe I'm thinking of the time when **Mas Uchida** and I went shopping for a cup, a beautiful cup, not small, not cheap. How we argued and argued about the shape, the size and finally came home with the swellest cup you could ever hope to see. Oh it was a grand feeling, here at last was a cup for our newly-born cagette loop. All the way home I reassured Mas that the cagettes loop would thrive for long years to come.

But now, just look! Last Wednesday's turnout was a heartbreaker. Just enough turned out to field two teams; no more and no less. Nine of the girls were last year's players and only one new girl turned out.

Maybe one reason why rookies do not turn out is because they're quite ignorant of the rules and fundamentals of the game,—otherwise they would come out willingly. Well, that was the same situation last year too, they didn't know anything until **Kaz Suga, Ken Fujioka** and **Johnny Tanaka** started coaching them. That is what they intend to do this year, start all over from the beginning again, giving everyone a chance to play.

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Digging Divots

Hastings divoters, commonly known as the **Dub and Dodo Club**, stage their third and perhaps final tourney of the year, this Sunday. A record entry of over 30 players will tee off, packing handicaps from 6 to 40.

The winners will receive golf balls and the golfer shooting low net and low gross will receive a carton of ice cream from **Ernie's Ice Cream Parlor**. **Mat Matsui** of the **Tammy Bicycle Shop**, is the donor of the balls.

Nippon Golf Club stages a farewell tourney this Sunday at Langara in honor of **Mr. Matsumoto** of the Consulate staff. The 18-hole handicap tourney will begin teeing off at 1:00 p.m.

A trophy to the low net and balls will be awarded to the first seven. A banquet at the Fuji will follow the meet.

Play-off Comeback Snapped At Two Straight Games

It's all over 'cept the shouting! And the Asahis well-earned their privilege to shout too, for they put up one of the fightingest finishes any ball fan could ever hope to see. The Nipponese reps dropped their third and deciding game 3-1 last night, as the hard-hitting Angelus crew finally pounded out a finish to their play-off comeback.

Kaz Suga, striving hard for his first and most important victory of the series, seemed to be going great guns until the second canto when Holden, Adshead and Yehle poked out successive doubles, s c o r i n g three runs. Iron-man Nag Nishihara, his third performance in four days, relieved Suga and held Angelus scoreless, but the big damage was already done as the Nipponese weakened at the plate.

Asahis found a good chance to score in the final inning when Roy Yamamura connected one of Fred Yehle's curves for a double and Nakamura, pinch-hitting for Kutsukake drew a walk. They were advanced to scoring position on George Shishido's sacrifice, but that was as far as they could get. Nishihara popped out to chucker Yehle and Kaz Suga broke his bat hitting an easy grounder to Coley Hall at first for the final out.

Horsehide & Hickory ...

Well, Angelus Hotel, finally knocked us out of the pennant [race] but they had to take five games to do it. At least the thing we all chorus together is that we put up a real good fight, as good as [could] be expected of us. The breaks were against us.

Take a look at the playoff statistics taken right out of [Kaz] Suga's scorebook, and it'll prove how much we really did fight.

The biggest and pleasantest surprise the records revealed was Ge[orge] Shishido's feat with the hickory. That boy sure smacked the horse[hide] plenty. He had 10 chances at the plate and was successful in getting safety 7 times, including two doubles. Good boy George, our [hats off] to you. Runner-up for batting honors was Koei Mitsui with a .545 [and] Kaz Suga next with .428.

The twirling honors all went to Nag Nishihara. Now he can [rest] his abused soupbone in peace, with the satisfaction that it had done work superbly. It's a good thing he decided to come out of his retirement, for if it hadn't been for Nag, our boys would have been out lo[ng] ago. Out of the five games, he chucked four of them, twice as a re[liefer] and twice as a starter. He won both his games and not one loss w[as] charged against him.

Just peek below and look at dem records .... Phowy.

	GP	AB	R	H	3B	2B	SB	Avge.	RBI	BB	SO
Sawayama	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	[illegible]
Shishido	5	10	4	7	0	2	0	.700	4	2	[illegible]
Mitsui	4	11	2	6	1	[illegible]	0	.545	3	1	[illegible]
Suga	5	14	7	6	0	3	2	.428	2	3	[illegible]
Shiraishi	5	14	2	4	0	0	1	.280	3	1	[illegible]
Uno	5	15	3	4	0	2	2	.266	3	3	[illegible]
Maruno	5	16	3	4	0	2	1	.250	1	2	[illegible]
Yamamura	5	14	2	3	0	1	1	.214	1	1	[illegible]
Nishihara	5	15	1	2	0	0	1	.133	1	0	[illegible]
Kutsukake	5	9	1	1	0	1	0	.111	1	2	[illegible]
Nakamura	3	4	0	0	0	0	1	.000	0	2	[illegible]
Total	48	123	28	38	1	13	9	.309	17	17	[illegible]

PITCHERS RECORDS

	GP	W	L	Pct.	IP	R	H	BB	SO
Nishihara	5	2	0	1.000	20	8	23	5	[illegible]
Suga	5	0	2	.000	7	9	11	5	[illegible]
Sawayama	1	0	1	.000	3	3	5	1	[illegible]

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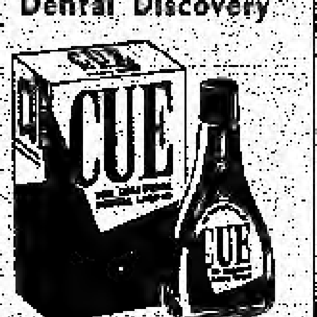

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